

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA**, on March 22, 2005 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Keith Bales (R)  
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)  
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)  
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)  
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)  
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)  
Sen. Don Ryan (D)  
Sen. Bill Tash (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Annie Glover, Committee Secretary  
Chris Lohse, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 34, 3/17/2005; HB 421,  
3/17/2005; HB 272, 3/17/2005; HB  
390, 3/17/2005  
Executive Action: HB 34, HB 421, HB 668

00:00:00

**HEARING ON HB 34**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**REP. WALTER MCNUTT (R), HD 37**, opened the hearing on **HB 34**,  
Revise nonresident turkey tag laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:01:08           **Mr. Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish, Wildlife and  
Parks**

**EXHIBIT**(fis63a01)

00:02:22           **Ms. Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides  
Association**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

00:03:18

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:04:45

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:05:09

**HEARING ON HB 421**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**REP. GEORGE GOLIE (D), HD 20**, opened the hearing on **HB 421**,  
Nonresident child of resident hunting and fishing licenses.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:07:12           **Mr. Mike Love, Self**

00:11:27           **Ms. Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides  
Association**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:11:55           **Mr. Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish, Wildlife and  
Parks**

**EXHIBIT(fis63a02)**

00:13:04

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:20:53

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:21:54

**HEARING ON HB 272**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

REP. CAROL LAMBERT (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 272, Half-priced hunting licenses to certain disabled veterans.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:24:10           Ms. Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:24:53           Mr. Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

**EXHIBIT(fis63a03)**

00:26:54

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:40:38

**Closing by Sponsor:**

SEN. BALES will carry HB 272 on the Senate Floor.

00:41:53

**HEARING ON HB 390**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

REP. DAN VILLA (D), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 390, Designate state insect.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

[EXHIBIT\(fis63a04\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

Opponents spoke at the hearing on March 17, 2005.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

00:49:32

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

Mr. Greg Ticknor, Student

[EXHIBIT\(fis63a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis63a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis63a07\)](#)

00:58:16

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:01:19

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 34**

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. BALES moved that HB 34 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. GALLUS voted aye by proxy.

01:01:41

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 421**

**Motion:** SEN. RYAN moved that HB 421 BE CONCURRED IN.

**Discussion:**

SEN. RYAN withdrew his motion.

01:05:10

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 668**

**Motion:** SEN. BALYEAT moved that HB 668 BE CONCURRED IN.

[EXHIBIT\(fis63a08\)](#)

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. BALYEAT moved that HB 668 BE AMENDED WITH HB066801.ACL. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Motion:** SEN. BALYEAT moved that HB 668 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.

**Discussion:**

**Ms. Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon**

**Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. GALLUS  
voted aye by proxy.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

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SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA, Chairman

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ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([fis63aad0.PDF](#))**